

Patent  
Attorney Docket No. 003250-198

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

In re Patent Application of  
Jean-Pierre WEBER (deceased) et al.  
Application No.: 09/126,897  
Filing Date: July 31, 1998  
Title: Communication Using Spread Spectrum Methods over Optical Fibers

Group Art Unit: 2631  
Examiner: Kevin Michael Burd  
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## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.  
 Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the  \$55.00 (2814)  \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.  
 Also enclosed is/are \_\_\_\_\_  
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Small entity status is hereby claimed.  
 Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the  \$385.00 (2801)  \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).  
 Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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on \_\_\_\_\_  
 for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_ which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.  
 A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also \_\_\_\_\_

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No additional claim fee is required.  
 An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

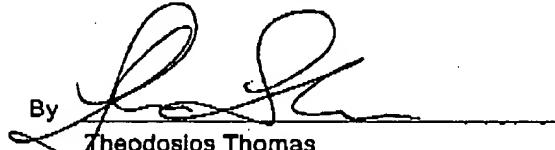
AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	18	MINUS 27 =	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	7	MINUS 8 =	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203)					\$ 0.00
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$ 0.00</b>

A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.  
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

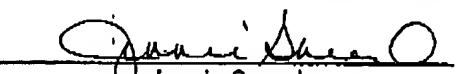
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